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# CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA

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South Africa Ambassador Sheila Sisulu and Rep. Amo Houghton conversing in Birmingham's Kelly Ingram Park; Rep. John Lewis, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, and Rep. Richard Gephardt outside Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma.

Join your colleagues and  
The Faith & Politics Board Co-Chairs  
**The Honorable John Lewis** and  
**The Honorable Amo Houghton**  
as they lead a Congressional Delegation  
that they want you to join.  
Your co-hosts in Alabama will be  
**The Honorable Spencer Bachus** and  
**The Honorable Artur Davis.**

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# WHAT YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE TO SAY...



Reps. Dan Miller and Jo Ann Emerson speak with reporter at Voting Rights Museum in Selma; The flag waves proudly at the Annual Jubilee Crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma; Freedom Singer Bettie Mae Fikes tunes up with Reps. John Lewis and Bill Jefferson at First Baptist Church in Montgomery; Bettie Mae Fikes, Rev. Doug Tanner, Rep. Nancy Pelosi and daughter Christine, and Rep. Lynn Woolsey carrying the banner in Selma.

## AMO HOUGHTON (R-NY)

"...We are trying to encourage others [Members] to get involved in this enormous experience which we had down in Selma."

## BARBARA LEE (D-CA)

"...I would dare to say that all of us felt galvanized to redouble our efforts for equality and justice...We [Members of Congress] actually have a second and third chance to make a difference in the lives of people in this millennium...this visit provided some personal breakthroughs."

## JO ANN EMERSON (R-MO)

"It was extraordinary to be able to hear and exchange stories and tales from what I think is probably the most dramatic movement in the 20th century. I also learned how important the weekend was in providing an opportunity, for reflection and repentance."

## JOHN SHIMKUS (R-IL)

"To walk across that bridge with [fellow Member, John Lewis] will forever be etched in my mind and heart as one of the most moving and significant moments in my life."

## JOHN LEWIS (D-GA)

"It's not just another bridge. [The Edmund Pettus Bridge] was a symbol 35 years ago of confrontation, but today it's a symbol of reconciliation."

## JOHN SPRATT (D-NC)

"Every school child in America grows up and knows what Lexington Green is...[they] should also know what Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham is...every child grows up and knows what Concord Bridge in Massachusetts is...he or she should know what happened at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, too. It is part of our history."

## BOB FILNER (D-CA)

"...It is clear that we all see this as a bonding experience, but to come together around the issues of fighting discrimination and ending racism is something that bonds us all together. There is no aisle when it comes to these issues."

## STENY HOYER (D-MD)

"It is appropriate that we remember what has happened in the past so that we can avoid it from happening in the future and sensitize ourselves to the pain of others when they are inadvertently shut out."

## BOBBY ETHERIDGE (D-NC)

"To all my colleagues who have not been...they need to go to understand."

## RAY LAHOOD (R-IL)

"...It is important to go back to our districts, share with our constituents, meet with leaders, talk with them about the importance of dialogue and race relations...and the things we need to do to make further progress."

## SPENCER BACHUS (R-AL)

"It's hard to reconcile any faith, the faith I have, with bigotry and racism."

## FRED UPTON (R-MI)

"I was very pleased to have joined this bipartisan effort, certainly not only as a Republican but more as an American...."



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